

HEIRS OF GEORGE W. HARRIS, ETC.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HERMANN, from the Select Committee on Indian Depredation Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2829.]

The Select Committee on Indian Depredation Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2829) for the relief of the heirs of George W. Harris and his wife, Mary A. Harris, and their daughter, Sophia Love, deceased, submit the following report:

We, your committee, find that the original claimant, Mary A. Harris, was the owner of the property described, and from the proof submitted believe the same to be of the cash value at time and place of depredation of the sum of \$3,862; that said Indians were in hostilities at said time and were of the tribe of Rogue River Indians; that said destruction of property occurred in Jackson County, Oregon, in 1855; that the husband of said Mary A. Harris was George W. Harris, and was massacred at the same time by said Indians.

They were reputable people. The witnesses, several in number, are credible people, and some were participants in the defense of the country, and knew the marauding Indians as well as the property taken, and claimants as well as George W. Harris and Mary A. Harris.

The property destroyed consisted of a comfortable dwelling and all the household property and farming implements, cattle, and horses. No part was ever recovered and none ever paid for.

We recommend payment of said sum of \$3,862.